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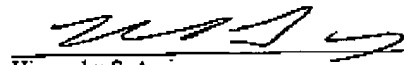
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

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This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 22, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following three groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-16 and 29, drawn to a system for communication over a protocol.

Group II - Claims 17-24 and 28, drawn to a method for allowing a computer program to communicate over one of a plurality of protocols.

Group III - Claims 25-27, drawn to a data packet adapted to be transmitted between two or more computer processes.

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Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-16 and 29) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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